[9th August 1965

V.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 21 (3) OF THE COUNCIL RULES.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

"That under Rule 21 (3) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, the order business arranged in the list for today be revised and item (2) under 'Government Bills' be taken up before item (1)."

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

"That under rule 21 (3) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules the order of business arranged in the list for to-day be revised and item (2) under 'Government Bills' be taken up before item (1).".

The motion was put and carried.

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (AMENDMENT BILL, 1965 (L.A. BILL NO. 16 OF 1965).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move :

"That the Madras City Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1965 [a] (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1965), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.".

Hon. Members may remember that the Madras City Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1961 came into force in April 1962. Several difficulties are now being experienced in the working of the principal Act and hence Government are considering the question of amending the Act comperehensively. As this may take some time, it has been decided to introduce a Bill containing a few important amendments to the Madras City Municipal Corporation Act, 1919. The following are the sailent features of the Bill :

The conditions of service of the Commissioner which included his pay, leave, leave salary, term of appointment, etc., can be regulated by Government under sub-section (5) of Section 7 of the Act. Hence sub-section (1) of Section 8 and Section 14 are unnecessary. Clauses 2 and 3 of the Bill seek to omit these provisions.

Under the proviso to section 24 of the Act if any resolution of the Corporation Council or a committee constituted under the Act contravenes any provision of any statute, rule notification, regulation or by-law or any order passed by the Government, an obligation is cast on the Commissioner to refer the matter to the Government for orders within 15 days of the passing of the

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 72–77.